



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Columbia River Compact / Joint State Action Notice

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 11, 2006

A Joint-State hearing took place today to review salmon stock status and the ongoing recreational fisheries.

No action was taken today.

However, the states of Washington and Oregon will meet again Wednesday September 13 at 1PM to review salmon run-sizes and the on-going Lower Columbia recreational fishery to consider management action.

Anglers need to be aware that the recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam could close to Chinook retention with short notice.

CHECK THE WDFW HOTLINE FOR FISHERY UPDATES AT
(360) 902-2500 or (360) 696-6211 *1010.

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASON WAS MODIFIED:

- The Knappa Slough Select Area Fishery scheduled for September 12-15 has been rescinded.
- The amended season is as follows:

2006 COMMERCIAL BLIND SLOUGH / KNAPPA SLOUGH SELECT AREA FISHERIES

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery	
SEASON:	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 5 through September 15 (6 nights) Knappa Slough is closed Sept 12-15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 18 through October 27 (24 nights)

	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) from September 5 through September 22 and 6 PM to 8 AM (14 hours) thereafter.
AREAS:	The Blind Slough fishing area includes all waters from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½-mile upstream of the county road bridge, downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough.\
	The Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north marker at the mouth of Blind Slough, westerly to a marker on Karlson Island, downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore. Markers define an area closure of about a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek.
GEAR:	In both fishing areas, restrict gear to a 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.
ALLOWABLE SALES:	Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem and Select Area fisheries. Green sturgeon harvest is prohibited
MISCELLANEOUS RULES:	Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 9:30 am Thursday, September 14 to consider non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fishing seasons.